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SECOND MONTHLY PREPARATORY MEETING

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES FULL REPORT ON FIRST MONTHLY PREPARATORY MEETING CONTAINED IN REFTEL, AND CONCURS IN PROPOSAL THAT SANDBERG REPRESENT EMBASSY AT FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO DATES FOR FIRST REGULAR PREPARATORY MEETING (PARA 5 REFTEL) DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT ANY DATE IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1977. WEEK OF MARCH 14 PROPOSED BY UK IS, THEREFORE, WELL SUITED TO OUR NEEDS, AND MAY BE SUPPORTED UNLESS CONSENSUS DEVELOPS FOR AN EARLIER DATE.

3. AS TO SECOND REGULAR PREPARATORY MEETING, DEPARTMENT STILL LEANS TOWARD A MEETING BEFORE RATHER THAN AFTER THE LOS MEETING, AND SUGGESTS WEEK OF APRIL 25. MEETING AT THAT TIME WOULD GIVE GOVERNMENTS THE NECESSARY PERIOD TO REVIEW POSITIONS PRIOR TO NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. A JULY MEETING, FOLLOWED BY THE EUROPEAN AUGUST HOLIDAYS, WOULD NOT PROVIDE THIS OPPORTUNITY.

EMBASSY REP SHOULD MAKE THESE POINTS, RESERVE ON U.S. ACQUIESCENCE YET ON ANY OTHER PROPOSED DATE, AND REPORT FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

4. RE YOUR REQUEST IN PARA 9 OF REFTEL, DEPARTMENT HAS POUCHED COPY OF SCAR REPORT ON AUGUST WOODS HOLE MEETING. EMBASSY IS CAUTIONED THAT REPORT IS A FIRST DRAFT ONLY, AND THAT THE FOURTEENTH SCAR MEETING IN OCTOBER CONSIDERABLY REVISED IT. REPORT, WHICH IS PROPERTY OF SCAR, STILL DOES NOT HAVE FINAL SCAR APPROVAL. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE USE FIRST DRAFT FOR GENERAL BACKGROUND ONLY. REVISED DRAFT WILL BE POUCHED WHEN RECEIVED. KISSINGER

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